

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in Fairfax County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

April 18, 2013 to May 8, 2013

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal construction activity to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT :

DOD/U.S. Army

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Department of the Army at Fort Belvoir proposes to replace 7,500 linear feet of existing waterline with PVC and high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe between Pohick and Gunston Road, the west side of Jackson Loop, and near the intersection of Pohick and Gunston Roads on the Main Post in Fairfax County. The new pipe will be installed parallel to the existing pipe or in new areas further away from wetlands, streams and forests, and the existing pipe will be abandoned in place. The project will use open cut and Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) to minimize impacts to Resource Protection Areas, wetlands and streams. All connection points, service tie-ins, and fire hydrants will be open cut. The total work area is anticipated to be 150,000 square feet, which includes: material and equipment staging area; area where pipes will be fused together and strung out; and a disturbed soil area. The new waterline will be hydrostatically pressure tested, chlorinated, and dechlorinated to remove the remaining chlorine residual from the water prior to discharge. The Army has submitted a Federal Consistency Determination that finds the proposed action consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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